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Louisiana Catfish Growers Survey

Louisiana's commercial catfish growers had sales of 8.4 million dollars during 2009, down 29 percent from the previous year. Water surface acres totaled 1,800, of which 1,700 were being used for foodsize fish.

United States Catfish Growers Survey

Catfish growers in the U.S. had sales of 373 million dollars during 2009, down nine percent from 410 million dollars the previous year. The top four States (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Texas) accounted for 93 percent of the U.S. total sales. The U.S. sales total of all foodsize fish decreased by ten percent from 2008 to 352 million dollars in 2009. Fingerling and fry sales totaled 13 million dollars, an increase of seven percent from 2008. Sales of stockers totaled seven million dollars in 2009, compared to eight million dollars in 2008.

By point of first sale, direct sales to processors accounted for 94 percent of total foodsize fish sales compared with 95 percent from the previous year. Direct sales to other producers accounted for 87 percent of stocker sales compared with 89 percent in 2008.

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2010 totaled 115 thousand acres, down 22 percent from the 147 thousand acres used a year earlier. Of the total acres, three thousand are to be renovated during the period of January 1 to June 30, 2010. An additional 140 acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2010. During the period of July 1 through December 31, 2009, the area taken out of production totaled ten thousand acres. As of January 1, 2010, foodsize fish were produced on 97 thousand acres, fingerling-producing acres totaled 14 thousand, and two thousand acres were being used for broodfish production.

Catfish: Number of Operations, Water Surface and Total Sales

Selected States	Operations		Water Surface		Total Sales – All Sizes	
	January 1 2009	January 1 2010	January 1 2009	January 1 2010	During 2008[1]	During 2009
	--------------Number--------------		----------------Acres----------------		----------------1,000 dollars------------	
Alabama	2/	2/	22,100	19,800	93,254	90,688
Arkansas	2/	2/	25,000	19,200	64,263	44,914
California	2/	2/	2,400	1,500	7,913	8,074
Louisiana	**2/**	**2/**	**6,300**	**1,800**	**11,883**	**8,395**
Mississippi	2/	2/	80,200	64,000	206,288	196,787
North Carolina	2/	2/	2,200	1,900	7,221	5,495
Texas	2/	2/	3,800	2,900	13,212	12,644
Other States	2/	2/	4,900	3,700	5,964	5,570
United States	**1,306**	**994**	**146,900**	**114,800**	**409,998**	**372,567**

[1] Revised
[2] State level number of operations will only be published every five years in conjunction with the Census of Agriculture.

Pecan: Production, Price and Value of Production

State	All Pecan Production			Utilized Production for 2009 Crops		2009	2009
	Final 2007	Final 2008	Ind 2009	Improved	Native & Seedling	Average Price per Pound, all Pecans	Value of Production
	----------------1,000 Pounds---------------			---------1,000 Pounds---------		---------Dollars--------	-1,000 Dollars-
Alabama	12,000	8,000	10,000	8,600	1,400	1.030	10,336
Arizona	23,000	17,500	20,000	20,000	---	1,900	38,000
Arkansas	2,300	1,500	2,300	1,500	800	0.989	2,274
California	4,400	3,750	3,840	3,840	---	1.450	5,568
Florida	1,900	1,700	2,100	1,700	400	1.300	2,728
Georgia	150,000	70,000	85,000	82,000	3,000	1.320	112,400
Kansas	500	1,900	1,000	---	1,000	1.300	1,300
Louisiana	**14,000**	**5,000**	**8,000**	**2,500**	**5,500**	**0.953**	**7,625**
Mississippi	3,000	1,500	2,500	2,000	500	1.100	2,750
Missouri	5	1,130	1,760	200	1,560	1.130	1,988
New Mexico	74,000	43,000	70,000	70,000	---	1.900	133,000
North Carolina	200	700	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/
Oklahoma	30,000	5,000	20,000	6,000	14,000	1.020	20,300
South Carolina	2,000	3,400	4,000	3,300	700	1.330	5,310
Texas	70,000	30,000	60,000	20,000	40,000	0.907	54,400
United States	**387,305**	**194,080**	**290,500**	**221,640**	**68,860**	**1.370**	**397,979**

[1] Estimates discontinued in 2009.

U.S. Pecan Production

The January end-of-season estimate for the 2009 U.S. pecan crop is 291 million pounds, up 50 percent from the 2008 crop. Improved varieties are expected to account for 222 million pounds of the total while native and seedling varieties account for the difference. The 2009 average U.S. all pecan price is $1.37 per pound (in-shell basis), up from 2008's average of $1.34. Total value of utilized production is 380 million dollars, up 53 percent from last season. Louisiana pecan production is estimated at 8.0 million pounds, compared to 5.0 million pounds produced in 2008.

Louisiana: Season Average Price and Value of Production[1]

Crop	Unit	Price Per Unit 2008	Price Per Unit 2009	Value of Production 2008	Value of Production 2009
		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Corn, Grain	bushel	4.45	3.55	326,808	285,846
Cotton Lint, All	pound	.524	.618[2]	70,677	100,858[2]
Cottonseed	ton	246.00	151.00	21,894	16,459
Hay, All (baled)	ton	87.00	102.00	93,525	108,528
Rice, All	cwt	15.40	12.60	416,370	368,134
Sorghum, Grain	cwt	6.90	5.55	36,978	16,566
Soybeans	bushel	9.52	9.60	298,452	351,936
Sugarcane, All	ton	29.10	3/	333,544	3/
Sweet Potatoes	cwt	18.30	17.80	20,130	28,836
Wheat, Winter	bushel	5.50	4.70	120,698	46,060
TOTAL FIELD & MISC. CROPS				1,739,076	1,706,616
TOTAL FRUITS & NUTS				5,790	7,625
TOTAL COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES				---	---
TOTAL VALUE PRINCIPAL CROPS				1,744,866	1,714,241

United States: Season Average Price and Value of Production[1]

Crop	Unit	Price Per Unit 2008	Price Per Unit 2009	Value of Production 2008	Value of Production 2009
		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Corn, Grain	bushel	4.06	3.70	49,312,615	48,588,665
Cotton Lint, All	pound	.491	.628[2]	3,021,485	3,735,564[2]
Cottonseed	ton	223.00	159.00	962,708	666,146
Hay, All (baled)	ton	152.00	111.00	18,638,748	14,990,083
Rice, All	cwt	16.80	14.30	3,603,460	3,145,521
Sorghum, Grain	cwt	5.72	5.90	1,631,065	1,242,196
Soybeans	bushel	9.97	9.45	29,458,225	31,760,452
Sugarcane, All	ton	29.50	3/	814,479	3/
Sweet Potatoes	cwt	21.20	20.90	390,572	410,361
Wheat, All	bushel	6.78	4.85	16,625,759	10,626,176
Wheat, Winter	bushel	6.57	4.70	11,936,139	7,060,386

[1] 2008 crops are preliminary. Marketing year average prices do not include allowances or adjustments for commodities under government loan at the end of the marketing year, commodities forfeited to the CCC, crop deficiency payments or disaster payments. U.S. monthly prices, for all crops in the monthly price estimating program, are computing by weighting monthly state prices by monthly marketing for each state.
[2] Based on marketings and monthly prices received from August 1, 2009– December 31, 2009.
[3] Available July 31, 2010, in the "Agricultural Prices" report.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, United States, January 1, 2009-2010[1]

Class	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	----1,000 Head----	----1,000 Head---	Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	5,747	5,630	98
Market	1,500	1,440	96
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,247	4.190	99
Replacement Lambs			
Under One Year Old	647	655	101
Ewes – One Year Old and Older	3,405	3,340	98
Rams – One Year Old	196	195	100
Lamb Crop	3,690	---	---

[1] May not add due to rounding.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2010, totaled 5.6 million head, down two percent from 2009.

Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.2 million head on January 1, 2010, down one percent from 4.3 million head on January 1, 2009. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.3 million head, were two percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2010, totaled 1.4 million head, down four percent from January 1, 2009. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-five percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 19 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 38 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total marketings.

The 2009 lamb crop of 3.7 million head, was down one percent from 2008. The 2009 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2009, up three percent from 2008.

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